

Christ the King

The Shrine-Grotto at Mio, Michigan is a mountainous structure of stone, honeycombed with grottos and niches. It is actually a composite shrine of shrines in a single unit.

The very name, "Our Lady of the Woods," reflects the thousands of acres of God's beautiful and majestic timberlands visible from the shrine's site. These were regions once home to the lumberjack, but now meccas to hunters, fisher-

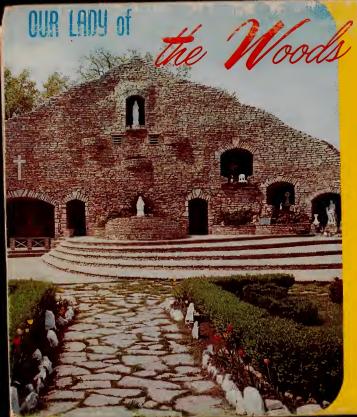
men, and tourists.

Viewed from the front, the shrine is a sloping triangle of stone. It slowly rises from the ground on two sides to end in a peak, pointing out that all mankind's destiny is heavenwards, that the natural and the temporal should be sublimated into the spiritual and eternal.

One can also visualize two arms forming from the peak of this monument as if to embrace the entire state of Michigan,

the country, and the world.

St. Mary's Church, which this unusual Shrine is the outgrowth of, was established as a mission in 1920. Plans are now being completed to build a new and enlarged main church to replace the original mission church and your donations and special gifts for this purpose will be most helpful and gratefully received in Mary's name.



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